

Steve goes to carnival

It is Saturday afternoon at the zoo in Rio.

The jaguars pace in their cage.

The elephant stretches out his trunk for an icecream.

The howler monkeys hoot and chatter and the sloths sway slowly from side to side.

In the evening, Antonio the zookeeper feeds the animals. The anteater licks up the ants with his long, sticky tongue.

The elephant trumpets greedily and the old lion licks his lips.



Antonio loves all the animals in the zoo, but most of all he loves Steve.

And Steve loves Antonio.

“Hello my friend!” cries Antonio.

He sets down a bucket of bamboo shoots and his little yellow radio.

Steve switches on the radio and turns up the volume.

Antonio and Steve loves all kinds of music, but most of all they love jazz.

They sit back and listen to the sound of a saxophone drifting up into the night sky.

After Antonio has left, Steve feels the quiet of the night. He lifts the latch of the cage door and out it swings! Steve clammers up and over the zoo wall to look for Antonio.

At the tram stop outside the zoo, Steve finds a wide-brimmed hat. It is the perfect disguise. Steve waves down a tram and clammers aboard.

Retrieval

1. How do the sloths move?
2. Who looks after all the animals at the zoo?

Vocabulary

3. Why does the author use ‘clamber’ to describe Steve’s movements? Can you think of a word to describe the movement of a snake? A beetle? An elephant?
4. Steve clammers aboard a tram. How is a tram different to a bus?

Inference

5. Find two examples which show the animals are hungry and are waiting for their dinner.
6. ‘After Antonio has left, Steve feels the quiet of the night.’
‘Which emotion do you think Steve is feeling?’

Clamber



Climb or move in an awkward way, taking a lot of effort, using both hands and feet.